

for her accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

REMEMBERING SOCRATES J.  
SPACE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Socrates J. Space, who passed away on Monday, April 26, 2021 at the age of 90.

A child of the Great Depression, Soc was born on September 4, 1930, in Dover, Ohio. His parents, Zacharias "Jack" and Despina (Pardos) Space immigrated to America in the early 20th century from the magical Greek island of Ikaria. While growing up in poverty, Soc was blessed with a loving and close-knit family that endured and overcame hardships common to immigrant families during this period.

He shined shoes and set up bowling pins to help put bread on the family's table, starting at a very young age. He overcame adversity, eventually earning three varsity letters as a 145-pound defensive lineman for the Dover Tornadoes football team and was elected by his classmates as Senior Class President of the Dover High Class of 1949.

After graduation, Soc went to work at Reeves Mill, where he became a card-carrying member of the United Steel Workers before being drafted into the Marine Corps. As a Marine, Soc fought bravely for his country during the Korean War. Upon his return, the GI Bill enabled him to enlist at The Ohio State University, where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. He went on to earn his juris doctorate degree from Ohio State before returning to Dover, embarking on a successful legal career in Tuscarawas County that would span five decades.

In addition to his private legal practice, Soc served as Judge of the Tuscarawas County Court Southern Division and worked for many years as an attorney for the State of Ohio Department of Transportation. He also served as Special Counsel to three Ohio Attorney Generals. He developed exceptional oratory skills that, combined with his personable nature, wooed juries on behalf of his many clients over the years.

His rich voice and gift for public speaking helped him excel in Toastmasters; and served as a foundation for his important work in politics. He was very active in the Tuscarawas County Democratic Party, serving two separate stints as County Chairman, and he provided guidance and support for countless politicians at the local, statewide, and national levels. He was a proud delegate at the 1988 Democratic Convention for the Presidential campaign of fellow Greek-American, Michael Dukakis, Soc's crowning political achievement involved helping elect his son, Zack, to Congress in 2006. Soc's charming intellect and fierce loyalty won him the adoration of countless friends, clients, politicians, and even political and legal adversaries.

Soc was a multidimensional man of many talents. His artistic flair was manifested in

beautiful pottery and sculptures, and helped inspire his daughter Stephanie's devotion to the arts. His love for politics and knack for the law continue with Zack. Upon his retirement from the practice of law in 2008, Soc remained active, particularly in politics. In 2018, he accompanied Zack on a statewide campaign for Ohio Auditor that saw him log over 100,000 miles, visiting counties, cities and villages across Ohio, serving a vital role in an exhausting political endeavor. Soc, who turned 89 that year, never once tired from the demands of that campaign despite suffering from a debilitating medical condition.

He is survived by his daughter, Stephanie Space (Tom Johnson); his son, former Congressman Zack Space; his special friend and caregiver, Erin Noviski; his sister and Matriarch of the Space family, Mary Smith; his grandchildren, Gina (Tyler Tompkins) and Nick Space, and Socrates, Alex (Kadi) and Leo Incarnato; and his great-granddaughters, Violet Incarnato and Stella Tompkins. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, Denise Hollister, Zack (Jean) Space, Athena

(Ron) Hooker, Pat Johnson, Chris (Bobbi) Smith, and Tony (Nancy) Smith; and many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his "neighborhood son," Dave Johns; his former daughter-in-law, Judge Mary Space; his former wife, Vicki Space; and stepchildren, Wendy Busby, Terri (Eric) Smith, and Shannon Croley; and step-grandchildren, Travis (Erika) Smith, Sam Smith, Casey (Joseph) Emery, Ben and Bryan Croley; and great step-grandson, Holton Smith.

Soc is preceded in death by his beloved daughter Gina, with whom he has been reunited. Soc was also preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Jim, George, and Pete Space, and sisters-in-law Bessie and Mary Ann Space, brother-in-law Bill Smith, nephews Jimmy Space, Phil Johnson, and Bob Hollister, and his former wife Sandy Space.

I am proud to have known Socrates as a father to my dear friend, former Congressman Zack Space. My deepest condolences go out to Soc's entire family and to all whose lives he touched.

HONORING EMILY LANG,  
KRISTOPHER ROLLINS, LEAH  
WAUGHTAL-MAGIERA, AND  
JALESHA JOHNSON AS IOWANS  
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Emily Lang and Kristopher Rollins, the cofounders of RunDSM, as well as Leah Waughtal-Magiera and Jalesha Johnson as Iowans of the Week. April is National Poetry Month, and Emily and Kristopher have given students in the Des Moines Public Schools system an opportunity to express and better themselves through poetry, spoken word, and open mic through their programs at RunDSM.

RunDSM provides marginalized students access to a culturally conscious curriculum, urban art forms, and opportunities for student-centered community activism through the different programs they offer such as "Movement 515," "Urban Leadership Summit," and "Mi-

norities on the Move." Through Emily and Kristopher's leadership, they have been able to create a representative, culturally conscious climate within Des Moines Public Schools.

When Emily and Kristopher first came to the Des Moines Public Schools system, they had no idea what their experience would evolve into. Ten years later they have built a coalition of hundreds of students who have been impacted by RunDSM. The program was so inspiring for Leah and Jalesha they decided to come back and help run the program and turn it into what it is today. Students say that RunDSM has been a medium to discover and express their voices.

National Poetry Month is a great opportunity to highlight some of the incredibly talented and creative minds in Iowa. Emily, Kristopher, Leah, Jalesha, and everyone at RunDSM truly inspire students to find their voices and show them how powerful it can be. I will continue to fight in Congress for programs like RunDSM and advocates like Emily and Kristopher who invest in our students and make them better people through poetry. It is my honor to recognize them as Iowans of the Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, on May 12, 2021, I was absent from the House chamber because I was attending an event relevant to my responsibilities as vice chair of the House Armed Service Committee's Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations. As a result, I was unable to vote on three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 135; YEA on Roll Call No. 136; and YEA on Roll Call No. 137.

IN HONOR OF RAUDE RAYCHEL

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my constituent, Raude Rayche, for becoming a citizen of the United States of America on January 29, 2021. Raychel has established herself as a pillar of her Somersworth community, and committed her life to bringing together her neighbors in Somersworth and her Indonesian culture. It is with great excitement I celebrate her citizenship to the country we love.

Raychel's dedication to the U.S. and to New Hampshire started long before becoming a citizen of this country. As the President of the Somersworth, NH nonprofit Indonesian Community Connect (ICC), Raychel designed programs to educate and engage community members in the traditions of her culture. Her caring nature and desire to grow her community has improved the lives of those living in the tri-city area and beyond.

However, Raychel did not stop there. With the help of her many partners Raychel led the efforts on the Little Indonesia project. Under